

LOCAL NEWS.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—*War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., Jan'y 31, 1877.*—10-30 a. m.—In the Middle and Eastern States, falling barometer, southerly to southeasterly winds, rising temperature, increasing cloudiness, and possibly succeeded to night by rain or snow, especially in the northern portion.

THE CHARTER QUESTION IN COUNCIL.—The Common Council met, last night, pursuant to adjournment, to consider the amendments to the City Charter, reported at the last meeting.

The report of the committee was read by the clerk.

The first subject which excited discussion was the provision which allowed a member elected to the City Council to retain his seat after removal from the Ward.

A change of phraseology was made at the suggestion of Mr. Mushbach.

Mr. Evans doubted whether this amendment was consistent with that portion of the Charter which required that the Common Council "shall consist of four members from each ward." He had no objection to the amendment if three men from one ward and one from another would constitute four members from each ward.

Mr. Seals desired that his remarks be reported in the newspapers verbatim. He thought that would be courteous.

The Chair decided that he was not in order.

Mr. Hughes favored taking the election of Collector of Taxes and Superintendent of Gas from the people. He thought that otherwise no sufficient collection could be made.

Mr. Mushbach thought that with the stringent provisions of the proposed charter these officers might safely be elected by the voters.

Mr. Miller hoped that the council would allow the people to elect the tax collectors.

Mr. Hughes withdrew his amendment.

Mr. Hughes moved to strike "Chief Engineer of the Fire Department" from the officers to be elected by the people.

This amendment was supported by Mr. Hughes, Mr. Mushbach and Mr. Miller, and opposed by Mr. Seals.

The amendment of Mr. Hughes was adopted.

Mr. Hughes moved to strike out the payment of the State tax as a pre-requisite to voting in the city.

Corporation Attorney Stuart held that what that provision was to the charter or not, the State Constitution would allow no man to vote who had not paid the State capitation tax.

Mr. Hughes withdrew his amendment.

Mr. Evans suggested an amendment in relation to duelling, which he afterwards withdrew.

Mr. Seals did not see why the committee had not looked to the interest of the home and sine of the town. He opposed the provision which made a conviction of petty larceny a disqualification from voting.

The Chair said that the Constitution of the State obliged the city to make this disqualification.

All the amendments were agreed to but those to the 22d section, the phraseology of which was discussed at some length. Many amendments were proposed, and finally, on the motion of Mr. Maibach the 22d section was re-committed.

Mr. Ficklin, from the Finance Committee, reported a resolution appropriating \$150 for election expenses to the close of the year, the amount levied for 1876-77 having been exhausted.

Mr. Mushbach and others doubted if deficiencies could be made up in this way. The charter seemed to look to our appropriation only for the year.

Mr. Latham said such bills had been customary.

Mr. Mushbach called the attention of the advocates of the new charter to the fact that this year, for the first time, the election expenses had overruled the appropriations.

The Chair decided Mr. M. was not in order.

Mr. Seals wanted to know if Mr. Mushbach referred to him. H—

The Chair said the debate was out of order.

The Council then adjourned until Tuesday night next.

THE RIVER.—There is not much change to note in the condition of the river to day. It continues to be filled with floating ice, drifting hither and thither with the tides, but becoming gradually weaker and softer. To day it offered scarcely any obstacle to the passage of steamers. The steamer John Gibson sailed for New York this morning, and the tug Johnson Bros. brought down from Washington the canal schooner Rapidan, which has been frozen up here. The tug Kate also made a trip to Washington and back, and the tug Kate M. Gilbert came down from Georgetown as far as the Magazine wharf, above this city, on the opposite shore, and went back again. It is understood that the tug Smith Pettit will leave here to-morrow with the schooner Active for the lower river, and that the Kate will go to Quantico for a tow. Official information states that the steamer Lady of the Lake will leave Norfolk to-morrow evening and arrive here on Friday morning. She will resume her regular trips on Monday next. Capt. Griffin, with a row boat, reopened the Maryland ferry line yesterday.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.—Information was received here to-day of a sad case of attempted suicide, which occurred near Glymont, in Charles county, Md., during the latter part of last week. It seems that a young lady, a member of one of the most respected families in Charles county, deliberately left her home and went to the edge of a marsh near by, where she cut her throat from ear to ear, and made a dash in each of her arms. Finding that death did not ensue at once from the cuts, she attempted to drown herself in the marsh, and, failing in this, succeeded in dragging herself to the kitchen of her father's house, where she fell, fainting from the loss of blood. No cause for the rash attempt can be ascertained, and the lady herself refuses to give any, only saying that she intended to kill herself. At last accounts she was in a critical condition.

DONATION TO THE POOR.—Among the contributions for the benefit of the poor of the city, received to-day, was a four horse load of wood by Mr. John M. Oden, of Fairfax county, and in a note to Mr. Richard W. Avery, through whom the wood was sent, Mr. M. Oden says he will send another load to the poor of St. Mary's Church, and adds, "that if each of the farmers living within a few miles of Alexandria would send a load of wood to town for the benefit of the poor, they would do a kindly act without detriment to their interests, and at the same time relieve the necessities of many worthy people who are now by the 'hard times,' forced to ask aid of the city authorities."

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.—On Saturday last a Mr. Oden was standing on the porch of Brown's store, at Surrattsville, Prince George's county, Md., having a loaded gun leaning against his arm. By some unexplained means, the butt of the gun slipped off the porch, and the cock striking violently against a step, the gun was discharged, sending the lead through Mr. Oden's neck, into his head and killing him instantly. The deceased was a young man and unmarried. There seems to have been a singular fatality in his family as regards fire-arms, his father and one brother having been killed by their accidental discharge, and another brother badly wounded by a shot, during an election riot.

M. E. CURRIE.—The special services continue to be held with marked spiritual results.

On Monday the pastor conducted the exercises assisted by the Rev. J. S. Beyer. Mr. Webb preached at night from Jeremiah iii., 22. Yesterday afternoon the subject of the address was the confession of St. Thomas: "My Lord and my God." In the evening Mr. Webb preached from Rev. xxii., 17: "The Spirit and the Bride say Come, &c." At the close of the sermon upwards of twenty persons went forward as enquirers, several of whom professed conversion. R. W. Mc Clements, of Leesburg, assisted the pastor and christian workers of the congregation.

IN A PERILOUS SITUATION.—This evening about three o'clock two small boys named John Lyons and John Whitley, who had been paddling about among the ice cakes on the river in a small skiff, concluded to vary their fun, and accordingly hauled their boat up on a large cake and got out of it for a walk on the ice. In a few minutes the ice cake broke and the boys were left on one side of the crack and the boat on the other. Their cries for help soon attracted the attention of those on the shore and several boats put out to their assistance, but became jammed in the ice. The condition of the boys being brought to the attention of Capt. J. Joseph W. Denty of the tug boat Smith Pettit, he immediately went to their assistance and succeeded in rescuing both the boys and their boat, besides releasing the other boats from the ice. One of the little boys had to be hauled on board the tug with a rope, the condition of the ice not permitting a nearer approach to him. The news that two children were adrift on the ice, soon spread through the lower part of the city and large numbers of excited people flocked to the wharves to witness the scene. Much credit is due to Capt. Denty for his humane conduct.

FALLS CHURCH.—The Southern Churchman says that old Falls Church, one of the old historical relics in Fairfax county, a remnant of colonial times, has at last, after years of labor on the part of its friends, been placed in a state of thorough repair, and bids fair to outlast many modern structures. It has been nearly re-roofed, repainted, and the walls stained. For some months the congregation have been worshipping in the Presbyterian Church, but on Sunday, 28th inst., services were resumed in the old church, and will be continued regularly hereafter.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Special Dispatches to the Gazette.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, January 31, 1877.—Mr. Justice Bradley is the fifth judge, as suggested in yesterday's dispatches, and to-day the Commission met, but merely organized, Mr. Justice Clifford presiding. The session was but a short one, and only some conversation indulged in. An injunction of secrecy was imposed upon the members.

The absorbing topic is the Presidential count, which commences to-morrow, at the joint meeting of the two Houses, at 1 o'clock p. m. It is expected that there will be a great crowd, and to prevent disorder and confusion, an extra police force, of one hundred men has been appointed. There will be a good deal of disappointment, as the proceedings will be tame, no debate being allowed, and when objection is made to counting any State, it will be done in writing, and according to a prescribed form, and then the Houses will separate for consideration.

The rules adopted by the House to-day will exclude nearly all visitors, as those only holding tickets will be admitted to the galleries of the House, and as the Washingtonians "know the ropes," and twelve hundred tickets only will be given out, those from a distance will fare badly. No doubt a good deal of money will be made out of this rule, as curiosity will induce many to pay rather than be disappointed.

The consideration of the bill for the admission of Colorado was resumed in the House to-day, and Mr. Hurd, of Ohio, made an able speech against the bill. He was followed by Mr. McGreevey in favor of the admission.

THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 31, 1877.—In the Senate, to-day, a communication was received from the four justices of the Supreme Court appointed a portion of the electoral vote commission announcing that Mr. Justice Bradley, of the Supreme Court, had been chosen for the fifth member of the commission.

A resolution requiring tickets for admission to the south wing of the Capitol during the joint meeting of the Senate and House for the counting of the electoral votes was agreed to. The tickets are to be in charge of the Committee on Rules, and to be distributed by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

After the consideration of some routine business, the bill in relation to the Pacific railroad was taken up and Mr. Thurman made a short speech, and was followed by Mr. West, of Louisiana.

A Senate joint resolution for the appointment of 100 extra policemen to act while the electoral vote is being counted was agreed to.

Mr. Cox, of New York, reported a resolution excluding all, except those privileged, from the floor of the House, and all, except those holding tickets, from the galleries, which was adopted.

A resolution permitting the sitting of the Electoral Commission during the session was adopted.

Bills for the removal of the political disabilities of Robert Ransom and M. H. Vansant, of Virginia, amended by the Senate, were passed.

A bill to enquire into the recent railroad accident at Ashtabula was referred.

A bill for the admission of Colorado was then taken up and further debated for three hours, when the State was admitted, and the representative from that State sworn in.

North Carolina.

RALEIGH, Jan. 31.—The democrats have reported a bill to the North Carolina State Senate upon the subject of the new county government which takes the election of justices of the peace from the people and authorizes the Governor to appoint them. These justices are to elect five county commissioners who are to have entire control of the county affairs as they have now.

This will give the democrats control of every county in the State and enable them to control the entire machinery of elections in all the counties whereas the republicans now control 30 counties. The election of county treasurers, five commissioners, sheriff and coroner is taken from the people by this bill.

Local Brevities.

The Virginia Sentinel, of this city, has again suspended publication.

The Knights of St. Patrick will give a select complimentary hop at their hall in Harlow's building to-night.

Among the singers at the grand musicale of Prof. A. S. Roe, in Washington, to-morrow night, are several Alexandria vocalists.

The Finance Committee of the City Council and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund will meet at the Auditor's office to-night.

The light on the shoal off Thomas' Point, Chesapeake bay, will be exhibited to-day. It is of the fourth order, showing a red flash every thirty seconds.

W. P. Clark, esq., 920 Walnut street, Philadelphia, Pa., writes: "I have used Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup and found it the best remedy I ever tried."

Foul breath is caused in almost every case by tartar upon teeth, and a highly inflamed state of the gums caused by tartar, Wells' Baroka removes this deleterious substance and renders the gums healthy.

"All the health I enjoy, and even my life I may say, is in consequence of Simmons' Liver Regulator. I would not take one million dollars for my interest in that medicine."

"W. H. WILSON, Welborn, Fla."

VIRGINIA: In the Clerk's office of the Corporation Court of the city of Alexandria, on the 30th day of January, 1877, R. M. Lawson vs. S. M. Smyth, R. F. Knox and George R. Shinn, the first named defendant under the name of Shinn & Co. In chancery and upon an injunction.

Memo.—The object of this suit is to restrain S. M. Smyth from proceeding further under an attachment against R. M. Lawson in the suit of attachment against R. M. Lawson to George R. Shinn, trading under the name of Shinn & Co., being \$100.75, applied towards the payment of \$100.36 due by said Shinn to R. M. Lawson, and R. F. Knox, who were jointly interested in a certain business of corn from said Shinn.

The defendant, George R. Shinn, not having entered his appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly, and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by affidavit that he is not a resident of this State, it is ordered that said defendant appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this suit; and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this city. A copy—test:

MORTON MARYE, Clerk. Jan 31-1877

BLACK CASHMERE

AND

GRO. GRAIN SILKS.

Just opened from New York some very handsome qualities of

BLACK CASHMERE

AND

GRO. GRAIN SILKS.

The shades of Black as well as the quality of these goods are very desirable.

Jan 31

5 HALF CHESTS FIFTY CENT JAPAN

TEA just received. This tea is of a very fine quality. For sale by

GEO. MCBURNIE & SON,

166 and 170 King street.

EXAMINE OUR NEW STOCK OF SUGARS at bottom prices.

Jan 31

PRIME SMOKED BLOATERS and BONELESS CODFISH for sale by

GEO. MCBURNIE & SON.

ALKEHRENTA and Baker's Premium Chocolate for sale by

GEO. MCBURNIE & SON.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE LADIES OF CHRIST CHURCH

WILL GIVE AN

ENTERTAINMENT AT SAREITA HALL

Consisting of

TABLEAU AND VOCAL MUSIC,

ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY EVGS.,

February 1st and 2d.

Doors open at 7 o'clock. Curtain will rise at 8 o'clock.

Admission 50c; children 25c. Jan 29-td

ICE CREAM, &c.

125 KING STREET. 125

MILK DEPOT.

RECEIVED DAILY FROM JNO. MASON'S DAIRY.

New Milk 7c per quart; skimmed 4c; Smar Case 10c per quart.

Ice Cream 35c per quart; Frozen Custard 25c per quart, or in ice, and sent to all parts of the city; Ice Cream per gallon \$1.50; Frozen Custard \$1.10.

I return my thanks to my friends and a generous public for their liberal patronage, hoping by strict attention to business to merit a continuation of the same.

J. S. FORCE, No. 126 King st. Jan 30-3m Alexandria, Virginia.

E. J. MILLER & CO.,

Importers of

CHINA AND QUEENSWARE

AND DEALERS IN

Glassware, Window Glass, Lamps, Chandeliers and Fancy Goods.

No. 65 King street.

We have now in stock, purchased direct from the manufacturers, a full, complete and handsome assortment of goods in our line, to which we invite special attention.

French China Dinner Sets, complete, in plain white, gilt band and decorated; French China Tea Sets, in gilt band and decorated; French China Cups and Saucers, gilt band and plain white; French China Vases, new patterns and very handsome; French China Toilet Sets, Moss Rose and other patterns; English Toilet Sets, handsomely decorated, something new; China Mugs, Toy Tea Sets, Glass Vases, &c.

We have the largest and most complete stock of goods ever before brought to this place, which we are offering at very low figures. Call and examine our goods and prices. mh 5

THE \$450 CENTENNIAL BRACKET SAW.

With four saw blades and 25 designs, just received and for sale at 88 King street.

AMERICAN CLUB SKATES. the best States and easiest adjusted to the foot of any kind in the market. New York Club, Pride of the Park, and other Skates at low prices. These are nice goods for Christmas Presents. Call and see.

Jan 30

J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

H. JACOBS

Desires to inform the public that he has again taken possession of his old stand, next door to the Gazette office, on Prince street, and will be happy to see all of his former patrons and anybody else who wants a pleasant and artistic SHAVE or HAIR CUT. Jan 30-td

NOTICE.—All persons having claims against the SCHOONER MARGARET ELLA are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned on or before January 31st, 1877, under penalty of law.

A. W. ARMSTRONG.

HOLMES' OLD MAN OF THE MOUNTAIN PILLS just received and for sale by

JANNEY & CO., No. 145 King st.

and n. w. cor. King and Royal sts. Jan 30

VERY CHOICE NEW ORLEANS SUGAR for sale by

GEO. MCBURNIE & SON.

WOOD AND COAL.

CHEAP COAL.

100 TONS OF ANTHRACITE STEVE COAL, FOR SALE AT \$5.50 PER TON (delivered.)

SAMUEL BAKER, Corner Duke and Fairfax sts. Jan 25-1w

COAL! **COAL!** **COAL!**

For good CLEAN COAL go to T. J. MEHAFFEY & CO'S, wharf and yard foot of Queen street. sep 8

COAL! **COAL!** **COAL!**

On the wharf a full stock of COAL, of the best quality, Broken, Egg, Stove, Nut and Cumberland, from the following mines: Lyken's Valley Mines, Cameron, Sunbury, Lee, Hill & Harris, Ocean, Maryland, West Virginia Split.

For sale at the lowest market rates, per ton of 2240 lbs. W. A. SMOOT. Jan 11-1f

COAL! **COAL!** **COAL!**

We have now on hand and are constantly receiving at our wharf and storage yards, foot of Queen street, all the best COALS known to this market. We name in part:

LYKEN'S VALLEY, SEAMORIN and EAST FRANKLIN LORREY RED ASH.

JOHN'S, from EAGLE VEIN COLLIERY. The celebrated CONTINENTAL and HAZEL DRILL, from the Goodrich Colliery, esteemed the best in the market.

AND LEE and STANTON WHITE ASH ANTHRACITE COALS, of Steamer, Broken, Egg Stone and Nut sizes.

Also, GEORGE'S CREEK CUMBERLAND COAL.

Also HICKORY, OAK and PINE WOOD, Having ample space, each variety of Coal is kept distinct from that of others, and is especially prepared for family use. Yards located on Coal sent out well screened and free from slate, 2240 lbs to the ton. Orders left with Messrs. Claridge & Grigg, corner King and Royal sts., or at the yards will be promptly filled. T. J. MEHAFFEY & CO., Jan 17 Wharf and Yard foot of Queen st.

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W. M. H. SMITH,

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in OYSTERS, FISH, PRODUCE, &c., &c., No. 16 north Fairfax street.

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All orders entrusted to him shall receive prompt and careful attention. sep 7

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HOLIDAY PRESENTS.—I have just added largely to my stock of Fancy Goods many articles suitable for Holiday Presents. Scarves of all kinds, Jewelry, Linen Handkerchiefs in boxes, Collars, Cuffs, &c., Perfumery and Toilet Articles, Silk Handkerchiefs and Cravats, Kid and Calf Gloves. Special attention is called to my stock of Kid Gloves, as it is undoubtedly the largest and best assortment ever offered in this city. Also Sleeve Buttons, Scarf Pins, Necklaces, Chains, Charms and Studs, Traveling Satchels, &c. My stock is varied, and cannot be enumerated in an advertisement. The public are invited to call and examine.

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C. M. ADAMS,

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Ladies' & Gents' Furn'g. Goods.

LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

Kid Gloves, Hosiery, Underwear, Corsets, Scarfs, Collars and Cuffs, Handkerchiefs, &c.

GENTS' DEPARTMENT.

Kid Gloves, Collars and Cuffs, Hosiery, Shirts, Handkerchiefs, Underwear, Socks, Ties and Bow-ties.

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Cotton, Pins, Needles, Thread, Buttons, Edgings, Zephyr Worsted, Shetland Wool, German-town Wool, Saxony Yarns, &c.

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Quality No. 1, \$24.00..... Formerly \$30.00

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" " 4, 42.00..... " 48.00

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